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Scheduled official meetings

Friday, 11 October 2002

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 4621st meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

   Letter dated 26 September 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2002/1106)

Morning[1] . . . . . 4622nd meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. The situation in Croatia

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka (S/2002/1101)

Morning[2] . . . . . 4623rd meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda.
2. Small arms

   Report of the of the Secretary-General (S/2002/1053)

[*Today*'s meeting of the Security Council on the item concerning Small arms will be available for live viewing on the Internet via United Nations Webcast (www.un.org/webcast). The archived video will be made available later at the same address for on-demand access.]

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 4621st meeting.

[2] To be held following the adjournment of the 4622nd meeting.

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Military Staff Committee

11 a.m.–1 p.m. 1494th (closed) meeting Conference Room 9

Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

3.30 p.m. 240th (closed) meeting[1] Conference Room 7

[1] Immediately following the meeting, the Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members States of the United Nations, in the same room.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m. –1 p.m. 10th meeting Conference Room 4

Effects of atomic radiation (A/57/46; A/C.4/57/L.7) [74]

General debate

Third Committee

10–1 p.m. 16th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of women (A/57/3[1], A/57/38 (Part I), A/57/125, A/57/129-E/2002/77, A/57/169, A/57/170, A/57/171, A/57/330, A/57/330/Add.1[1], A/57/406, A/57/432, A/57/447[1] and A/57/452[1]) [102]
2. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (A/57/3[1], A/57/286) [103]

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

3–6 p.m. 17th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children (A/57/350) [43]
2. Promotion and protection of the rights of children (A/57/41 and A/57/41/Corr.1, A/57/295 and A/57/402) [105]

Introductory statements, dialogue with senior officials and general discussion

[1] To be issued.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 2

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel . . . . . [161]

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fifth session (draft resolution on enlargement of UNCITRAL membership) [155]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Administrative and financial implications of the decisions and recommendations contained in the report of the International Civil Service Commission

2. Draft reports

Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s
Resumed substantive session

12 noon–1 p.m. Informal meeting (closed) . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

3–6 p.m. 10th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda items 25 (b) and (c) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions on agenda item 25 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas/illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) and agenda item 25 (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks)

Special briefing to members of the Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Special briefing by officials of the Secretariat to members of the Fifth Committee on issues relating to human resources management (Part II)

Other meetings

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Friday, 11 October 2002

Group of 77 *(Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s)*

9 a.m.–12 noon . . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Group of 77 *(on agenda items 84 (c) (Science and technology for development); and 84 (d) (External debt crisis and development); the draft resolution on the World Summit on Sustainable Development; and the preparation of the Global Environment Facility statement)*

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(Third Committee: Copenhagen+5 and Beijing+5)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Meeting on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Meeting of interested delegations, organized by the delegation of Argentina, on the follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing

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Southern Africa Development Community (SADC)
(on Second Committee matters)

11 a.m. –12.30 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Central America Group

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Caribbean Community (CARICOM)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal consultations on the Third Committee draft resolution on the follow-up to Beijing+5

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on the Third Committee draft resolution on the follow-up to Beijing+5 [All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Islamic Group *(on Sixth Committee matters)*
(at the expert level)

3–4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Non-aligned Movement: Working Group on Disarmament

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations of the Third Committee on agenda item 102 (Advancement of Women)

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Informal consultations, open to all interested delegations, on a draft resolution on the future of INSTRAW convened by the Group of 77 and China

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Rio Group *(at the permanent representatives level)*

4–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 11 October 2002

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Briefing by the Secretary-General's Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 14 October 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. 27th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

3 p.m. 28th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations (A/57/392) [7]
2. Report of the Security Council (A/57/2 and A/57/2/Corr.1 (Chinese, English and Spanish only)) [11]; Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters: report of the Open-ended Working Group [40]: joint debate

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m. 11th meeting Conference Room 4

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3 p.m. 11th meeting Conference Room 4

Second Committee

10 a.m. 10th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Third Committee

10 a.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m. 19th meeting Conference Room 1

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 3

Morning[1] Conference Room 5

3 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

[1] Demonstration of the INTRANET and INTERNET sites relating to procurement in the United Nations, following the adjournment of the 7th meeting of the Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon[1]	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

[1] Following the adjournment of the 14th meeting of the Committee.

General Committee

The 4th meeting of the General Committee of the General Assembly will be held on Tuesday, 15 October 2002, at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

General Assembly

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 213th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Tuesday, 15 October 2002, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420B; fax 1 (212) 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2002

The Economic and Social Council will hold its next meeting of its resumed substantive session of 2002 (to take up all outstanding matters) on Friday, 25 October 2002.

Informal consultations

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, Mr. Gert Rosenthal (Guatemala), will hold informal consultations on Monday, 14 October 2002, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on all outstanding matters before the resumed substantive session of the Council.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(on agenda items 85 (a) and (c) and 84 (c))*

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 *(on agenda items 85 (a) and (c) and 84 (c))* on Monday, 14 October 2002, from 9 to 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Round table organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs

There will be a round table on "The Outer Space Treaty at Thirty-Five" on Monday, 14 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

H.E. Mr. Hu of China; H.E. Mr. Raimundo González of Chile; Dr. Frans Gerhard von der Dunk, Co-Director of the International Institute of Air and Space Law; and Dr. Ram S. Jakhu, Associate Professor, Institute of Air and Space Law, McGill University; will be among the participants.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Gary De Rosa, Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-3980; fax 1 (212) 963-1121; email DeRosa@un.org).

Non-aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Non-aligned Movement on Wednesday, 16 October 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

UNITAR Seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly organizing a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties.

The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 and 13 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York.

The invitation to attend the seminar is extended not only to members of permanent missions, but also to members of the relevant ministries from capitals. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 5 November 2002. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963 9684 or 963-9196).

ILO briefing on the informal economy

There will be a briefing on "The Informal Economy: Conclusions from Discussions at the International Labour Conference", organized by the International Labour Orgnization, on Thursday, 17 October 2002, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6. A presentation will be made by Ms. Lin Lean Lim, ILO. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Caroline Lewis, New York ILO Liaison Office (tel.: 1 (212) 697-0150, ext. 102).

International Forum for Social Development

The second International Forum for Social Development on the theme "Cooperation for Social Development: The International Dimension", organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held in a joint informal gathering of the Second and Third Committees on Thursday, 17 October 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m., in Conference Room 1. The gathering will be co-chaired by the Chairpersons of the Second and the Third Committees. Interested delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Background information is available in Room DC-2 1370, or at the following web sites: www.un.org/esa/socdev/forum/index.html, and www.un.org/esa/socdev/forum/documentation.html. For further information, please contact the Division for Social Policy and Development, tel. 1 (212) 963-4596 or 1 (212) 963-5873.

UNITAR Workshop Series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) has organized the new Series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology", under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics. This programme is being implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation, Inc. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which is currently being repeated four times a year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on (a) Introduction to Computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet Search Basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page Design Basics and Usability Techniques; and is geared towards all diplomats. The fifth module, which is conducted as an interactive seminar, covers "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology" and is aimed essentially at ambassadors and senior diplomats and open to members of the United Nations staff as well as non-governmental organizations.

The fourth and last cycle of the 2002 Series (conducted in English), which began on Friday, 4 October, will continue on every alternate Friday until 15 November 2002. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Informal advance copies of the report of the Secretary-General on progress towards implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS

In order to facilitate preparations by delegations for the debate of the General Assembly on item 42, informal advance copies of the report of the Secretary-General on progress towards implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (in English only) are available at the UNAIDS New York office and can be picked-up by delegates at the following address: UNICEF House (3 United Nations Plaza, room 841). Information on an electronic version of this document can also be obtained by calling 1 (212) 824-6643. The report will be issued in all official languages shortly, as document A/57/227.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 2 October 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A.)

Summary of meetings

Thursday, 10 October 2002

Security Council

4620th (closed) meeting *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka (UNMOP) pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 10 October 2002, the Security Council, pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001) annex II, sections A and B, held its 4620th meeting in private with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Mission of Observers in Prevlaka (UNMOP). "

"The Security Council and the troop-contributing countries heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Hédi Annabi, Assistant Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations."

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Main Committees

First Committee

9th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Belarus, Guinea, Ukraine, Sri Lanka, Chile, Colombia, Pakistan, Armenia, Ghana and Cyprus.

10th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Malawi, Philippines, Georgia, Myanmar, Israel, Yemen, Cameroon, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Turkey.

In the exercise of the right of reply, the representatives of Iraq, Lebanon and Israel made statements.

Third Committee

14th meeting

Advancement of women . . . . . [102]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [103]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Philippines, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), Algeria, Iceland, Swaziland, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Myanmar, Armenia, Jamaica, the Netherlands, Jordan as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

Statements were made by the representatives of the International Organization for Migration and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, intergovernmental organizations.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Labour Organization.

15th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [100]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.2

It was recalled that the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.2.

The Secretary of the Committee read out an oral statement in connection with the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.3 and programme budget implications contained in document A/C.3/57/L.11

It was recalled that the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.3.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to document A/C.3/57/L.11 containing programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The Secretary of the Committee orally corrected the text of document A/C.3/57/L.11.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Mexico.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.4

It was recalled that the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.4.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.5

It was recalled that the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.5.

The Secretary of the Committee read out an oral statement in connection with the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.8

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.10

The Secretary of the Committee read out an oral statement in connection with the draft resolution.

The representative of Italy announced that Belarus, Colombia, Croatia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Gabon, Guatemala, Iceland, Japan, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Peru, the Republic of Moldova, Sri Lanka, Suriname

and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Venezuela, Zambia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of India.

Draft decision

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of documents A/C.3/57/154 and A/C.3/57/158 and A/C.3/57/158/Add.1 and A/C.3/57/158/Add.2.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

International drug control . . . . . [101]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.9

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mexico announced that Belarus, Botswana, Georgia, Guinea, Jamaica, Madagascar, Mauritania, Mongolia, the Republic of Moldova, Saint Lucia, Sri Lanka, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia and Zambia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Benin, Burundi, the Congo, Djibouti, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Gambia, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, Suriname, Switzerland, the United Republic of Tanzania, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Advancement of women . . . . . [102]

Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" . . . . . [103]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of India, Cyprus, Mongolia, Ghana, New Zealand (also on behalf of Canada and Australia (CANZ)), the United Republic of Tanzania, Kuwait, Chile, Nigeria, Indonesia, Kazakhstan and Cambodia.

A statement was also made by the representative of the World Bank.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Israel and Lebanon.

Sixth Committee

12th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization . . . . . [159]

The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Kenya, Nigeria, India, the Russian Federation, Pakistan, Nepal, Suriname, Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, Indonesia, Mali, Sierra Leone, the United States and Ukraine.

The Committee concluded its debate on agenda item 159.

Observer status for the International Centre for Migration Policy Development in the General Assembly . . . . . [166]

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.7.

The Committee concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly for the Final Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s
Resumed substantive session

9th meeting

The Vice-Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee (Belgium) made a statement.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

266th meeting

Developments in the Middle East peace process and the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

Statements were also made by representatives of Malaysia and the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine responded to the statements made by Malaysia and the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

Report by the Chairman on the United Nations International Conference of Civil Society in Support of the Palestinian People, 23 and 24 September 2002, Headquarters, New York

The Chairman made a statement.

The Representative of Malaysia made a statement.

The Chairman responded to Malaysia.

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee to the General Assembly, contained in document A/AC.183/2002/CRP.2

The Rapporteur of the Committee introduced the report.

Statements were made by the Chairman and the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

The Committee adopted its annual report to the General Assembly.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were also made by representatives of Madagascar, Senegal and South Africa.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Accession: Honduras (10 October 2002)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Yugoslavia (10 October 2002)[1]

European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC). Geneva, 1 February 1991

Accession: Republic of Moldova (10 October 2002)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Republic of Moldova (10 October 2002)[1]

Ratification: Yugoslavia (10 October 2002)[1]

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Signature: Greece (10 October 2002)

Agreement on Succession Issues. Vienna, 29 June 2001

Ratification: Yugoslavia (10 October 2002)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

World Food Day 2002

World Food Day 2002, under the theme "Water: Source of Food Security" will be observed with the opening of a special Exhibit on the subject. It will take place on Wednesday 16 October 2002 at 1 p.m., in the 1-B Neck area of the General Assembly building. The Deputy Secretary-General, Ms. Louise Fréchette, will inaugurate the Exhibit and Ms. Florence Chenoweth, Director of the FAO Liaison Office with the United Nations in New York, will make a brief statement.

On Friday 18 October, a ceremony will be held in the Dag Hammarskjöld Auditorium Library at 12.15 p.m.. The ceremony will be addressed by H.E. Mr. Jan Kavan, President of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, Mr. Kofi Annan, Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović, President of the Economic and Social Council, and Mr. Jacques Diouf, Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO). Mr. Diouf will present this year's Telefood Medal Award to Mr. Conny Kullman, Chief Executive Officer of INTELSAT.

All interested delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations Funds and Programmes, the Specialized Agencies, non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to participate in the event.

United Nations University: Book Launch

The launch of the book entitled *Governing Globalization. Issues and Institutions,* organized by the United Nations University, will take place on Monday, 21 October 2002, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Professor Deepak Nayyar, Vice Chancellor of the University of Delhi, editor and co-author, will be the main presenter. Professor Joseph Stiglitz, Columbia University, who is a contributor to the volume, will also speak on the occasion. The session will be chaired by Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Soial Affairs. For more information, please contact the United Nations University Office in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; fax 1 (212) 371- 9454; Web site www.ony.unu.edu. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. As seating is limited, kindly register on-line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2002 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Egypt
H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit

Asian States:

Iraq
H.E. Mr. Mohammed A. Aldouri

Eastern European States:
Yugoslavia
H.E. Mr. Dejan Šahović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
H.E. Mr. Philip Sealy

Western European and other States:

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
H.E. Mr. Jeremy Greenstock

Web sites

Presidency of the Security Council:
www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency

President of the General Assembly:
www.un.org/ga/president

Economic and Social Council:
www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm
www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373
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